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RÉSUMÉ OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 7 through September 14, 1959

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session.....	140	141	...
Time in session.....	1,009 hrs., 48'	527 hrs., 08'	...
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings.....	11,409	6,771	18,180
Appendix.....	8,264
Public bills enacted into law.....	†102	†187	289
Private bills enacted into law.....	†106	†79	185
Bills in conference.....	1	1	2
Bills through conference.....	11	34	..
Measures passed, total.....	1,052	1,142	..
Senate bills.....	434	227	..
House bills.....	375	586	..
Senate joint resolutions.....	21	13	..
House joint resolutions.....	32	36	..
Senate concurrent resolutions.....	34	29	..
House concurrent resolutions.....	24	28	..
Simple resolutions.....	132	223	355
Measures reported, total.....	*1,147	*1,090	..
Senate bills.....	487	185	..
House bills.....	374	658	..
Senate joint resolutions.....	23	7	..
House joint resolutions.....	32	38	..
Senate concurrent resolutions.....	37	20	..
House concurrent resolutions.....	23	28	..
Simple resolutions.....	171	154	325
Special reports.....	34	53	..
Conference reports.....	..	47	..
Reported measures not acted on.....	**35	**57	..
Measures introduced, total.....	3,161	10,676	13,837
Bills.....	2,738	9,299	12,037
Joint resolutions.....	143	538	781
Concurrent resolutions.....	78	442	520
Simple resolutions.....	202	397	599
Quorum calls.....	54	89	143
Yea and nay votes.....	215	87	302
Bills vetoed.....	†6	†5	..
Veto overridden.....	2	1	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 7 through September 14, 1959

Postmaster nominations, totaling 1,531, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed.....	988
Withdrawn.....	3
Unconfirmed.....	540
Army nominations, totaling 9,063, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed.....	9,063
Air Force nominations, totaling 18,351, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed.....	18,351
Navy nominations, totaling 12,854, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed.....	12,854
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 2,541, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed.....	1,865
Withdrawn.....	1
Civilian nominations, totaling 2,594, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed.....	2,561
Withdrawn.....	4
Rejected.....	1
Unconfirmed.....	13

Summary

Total nominations received.....	46,934
Total withdrawn.....	8
Total rejected.....	1
Total unconfirmed.....	553
Total confirmed.....	43,567

*These figures on measures reported included all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 1,012 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 1,190 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed."

†Figures on laws and vetoes are complete through September 16; a complete résumé will appear in the last issue of Appendix on October 5, 1959.

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Senate Committee Meeting

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS

Special Committee on Unemployment Problems: Committee held an executive organizational meeting on September 17 to discuss plans for staff studies, and a schedule of hearings, to be held both in the field and in Washington, D.C.

The committee was created pursuant to S. Res. 196, and its membership consists of Senators McCarthy, chairman, McNamara, Randolph, Hartke, McGee, Cooper, Scott, and Prouty.

House Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

TABLE II.—New obligational authority provided outside the appropriation process (so-called backdoor financing)

Bill No.	Title	President's request	Amount agreed to by conferees	Increase or decrease made by the Congress
H. R. 4452.....	Bretton Woods Agreement Act.....	\$4, 550, 000, 000	\$4, 550, 000, 000	-----
S. 1091.....	Housing Act of 1959: 1959-60.....	550, 000, 000	825, 000, 000	+\$275, 000, 000
S. 2539.....	Aid to airports: 1960-61.....	120, 000, 000	126, 000, 000	+\$6, 000, 000
S. 1.....	Veterans' Housing Loan Act.....	-----	100, 000, 000	+\$100, 000, 000
H. R. 1011.....	-----	-----	-----	-----
H. R. 2256.....	Total, 1959-61.....	5, 220, 000, 000	5, 601, 000, 000	+\$381, 000, 000

TABLE III.—Other measures affecting the budget in 1960 and future years

Bill No.	Title	President's requests	Amount agreed to by conferees	Increases or decreases made by the Congress	Remarks
ENACTED BY CONGRESS					
H.R. 7650.....	Veterans' pension bill.....	\$100, 000, 000	\$308, 000, 000	+\$208, 000, 000	Estimated 1961 costs only; total cost over 40 years, \$9,300,000,000.
S. 2539.....	Second Housing Act of 1959: Public Housing—annual contributions.....	0	719, 000, 000	+719, 000, 000	Estimated future appropriation requirements on 37,000 units of public housing.
H.R. 7175.....	All other authorizations for appropriations.....	10, 000, 000	125, 000, 000	+115, 000, 000	Authorization for 1960 crop year, requiring appropriations in fiscal year 1961.
	Agriculture appropriation bill—agricultural conservation program.....	100, 000, 000	250, 000, 000	+150, 000, 000	
FAILURE TO ENACT					
	Postal rate increase.....	—350, 000, 000	-----	+350, 000, 000	Proposed increase in postal rates. President's request contemplated financing from the highway trust fund. Proposed increases in receipts.
	Forest and public lands highways.....	—30, 000, 000	-----	+30, 000, 000	
	Airways fuel tax and other tax proposals.....	—150, 000, 000	-----	+150, 000, 000	
	Total (net).....	—326, 000, 000	1, 402, 000, 000	+1, 728, 000, 000	

86th Cong., 1st sess., appropriation bills—Comparison of budget estimates and bills as of Sept. 15, 1959

Bills sent to White House	Budget estimate	Amount in bill sent to White House	Increase (+) or decrease (—), conference bill compared to budget estimate
2d supplemental, 1959.....	\$2, 900, 799, 370	\$2, 764, 500, 380	—\$136, 298, 990
Bills, 1960:			
Agriculture.....	4, 081, 364, 863	3, 971, 362, 873	—110, 002, 190
Atomic Energy Commission.....	2, 718, 715, 000	2, 683, 029, 000	—35, 686, 000
Commerce.....	732, 191, 000	712, 672, 900	—19, 518, 100
Defense.....	39, 248, 200, 000	39, 228, 239, 000	—19, 961, 000
District of Columbia (Federal payment).....	34, 218, 000	27, 218, 000	—7, 000, 000
General Government matters.....	13, 608, 500	13, 463, 500	—145, 000
Independent offices.....	6, 586, 418, 000	6, 504, 382, 200	—82, 035, 800
Interior.....	491, 101, 400	481, 899, 100	—9, 202, 300
Labor-HEW.....	3, 756, 848, 581	4, 016, 485, 981	+\$259, 637, 400
Legislative.....	133, 648, 180	128, 797, 880	—4, 850, 300
Military construction.....	1, 563, 200, 000	1, 363, 961, 200	—199, 238, 800
Public works.....	(1, 185, 406, 259)	(1, 216, 477, 808)	(—30, 071, 549)
Do.....	1, 185, 406, 259	1, 185, 309, 093	—97, 166
State, Justice, Judiciary.....	682, 387, 600	648, 941, 200	—33, 446, 400
Treasury-Post Office.....	4, 688, 327, 000	4, 643, 363, 000	—44, 964, 000
Supplemental, 1960.....	1, 218, 090, 555	977, 345, 608	—240, 744, 947
Mutual Security.....	14, 824, 484, 137	3, 626, 718, 137	—11, 197, 766, 000
Grand total, 86th Cong., 1st sess.....	74, 859, 008, 445	72, 977, 598, 352	—1, 881, 410, 093

¹ Includes \$500,000,000 for 1961.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF EIGHTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

This table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during the session, January 6, 1960, through May 31, 1960.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through May 31, 1960

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session.....	93	86	..
Time in session.....	741 hrs., 09'	302 hrs., 20'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings....	6,884	3,790	10,674
Appendix.....			4,622
Public bills enacted into law..	28	66	..
Private bills enacted into law..	25	38	..
Bills in conference.....		8	..
Bills through conference....	1	11	..
Measures passed, total.....	432	417	..
Senate bills.....	151	60	..
House bills.....	149	241	..
Senate joint resolutions..	7	6	..
House joint resolutions..	8	14	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	17	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	7	12	..
Simple resolutions.....	93	79	172
Measures reported, total.....	*573	*467	..
Senate bills.....	200	78	..
House bills.....	179	299	..
Senate joint resolutions..	7	4	..
House joint resolutions..	12	18	..
Senate concurrent resolutions			..
House concurrent resolutions	21	1	..
Simple resolutions.....	146	57	201
Special reports.....	25	24	..
Conference reports.....		16	..
Reported measures not acted on..	**119	**146	..
Measures introduced, total...	1,081	3,742	4,823
Bills.....	874	3,157	4,031
Joint resolutions.....	51	184	235
Concurrent resolutions..	30	254	284
Simple resolutions.....	126	147	273
Quorum calls.....	99	56	155
Yea and nay votes.....	107	53	160
Bills vetoed.....	1	5	..
Veto overridden.....			..

*These figures on measures reported included all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 478 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 507 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on calendars and in conference at the end of the first session.

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Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Utilization of Military Manpower, executive, on subcommittee recommendations, 10 a.m., 313-A Old House Office Building.

Committee on Banking and Currency, executive, on H.R. 11001, to provide for U.S. participation in the International Development Association, 10 a.m., 1301 New House Office Building.

Committee on District of Columbia, Subcommittee No. 2, executive, on H.R. 11263, to abolish the mandatory death sentence for first-degree murder, 10 a.m., 445 Old House Office Building.

Committee on Education and Labor, executive, on minimum wage legislation, 10 a.m., 429 Old House Office Building.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations, on S. 2633, Foreign Service Act amendments, to hear Loy W. Henderson, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, 10:30 a.m., G-3 Capitol Building.

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, on H.R. 7701, 8033, and 8590, to provide a program for an Operation Bootstrap for the American Indian in order to improve conditions among Indians on reservations and in other communities, 9:45 a.m., 1324 New House Office Building.

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, executive, on pending legislation, 10 a.m., 1334 New House Office Building.

Committee on the Judiciary, executive, Subcommittee No. 2, on pending legislation, 10 a.m., 327 Old House Office Building.

Subcommittee No. 4, on H.R. 10089, to permit a civil action to be brought against an officer of the U.S. in his official capacity, a person acting under him, or an agency of the U.S., in any judicial district of the U.S. where a plaintiff in the action resides, 10 a.m., 346 Old House Office Building.

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Subcommittee on Merchant Marine, executive, on H.R. 3900, permitting the use of foreign-built hydrofoil vessels in the coastwise trade of

the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 9:45 a.m., 219 Old House Office Building.

Full committee, executive, to hear Secretary of Commerce on H.R. 5383, to clarify the status of the faculty and administrative staff at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy to establish suitable personnel policies for such personnel, 10:15 a.m., 219 Old House Office Building.

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, on proposed postal rate increases, 10:30 a.m., 215 Old House Office Building.

Legislative Subcommittee, on S. 2857, amending the Civil Service Retirement Act so as to provide for refunds of contributions in the case of annuitants whose length of service exceeds the amount necessary to provide the maximum annuity allowance under such act, 9:30 a.m., 215 Old House Office Building.

Committee on Public Works, Subcommittee on Watershed Development, executive, to consider pending watershed projects, 10 a.m., 1302 New House Office Building.

Committee on Science and Astronautics, roundtable discussion of scientific and technology problems by Panel on Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 214-B New House Office Building.

Committee on Rules, to consider granting a rule on H.R. 12125, to amend the Library Services Act; H.R. 8860, to stabilize the mining by domestic producers of lead and zinc on public, Indian, and other lands; H.R. 12176, to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949; and H. Con. Res. 661, to create a Joint Committee on a National Fuels Policy, 10:30 a.m., G-12 Capitol Building.

Committee on Ways and Means, executive, to consider proposed amendments to the Social Security Act, 10 a.m., committee room, New House Office Building.

Joint Committee

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Special Subcommittee on Radiation, to continue its hearings on radiation protection standards, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., room P-63, Capitol.